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Dear Paul, re FBI # 62-109060- 2366, Gauthier - Hallahan 1/28/64 2/25/78

This reveals more than I'd expected.

From the copy itself I can tell you that the FBI had separate files on the subjects "Zapruder Movie" and "Nix movie" so I suppose the others, too.

The time of this meeting was before LIFE prepared the frames, if I am not mistaken.

The tentative frame numbering of that period does not coincide with a beginning the same as those in the Z slides nor does it with the first of the actual footage. With Z 313 at Frame ~~89~~ 89 (p. 2, shot 3) it coincides with nothing at all, which raises a new set of questions.

In context they are still regarding Shot Two as having hit Connally only.

The comment on Shot Two at the top of p. 2 does not make it clear whether the one unnamed member of the Commission staff was among those present. Specter is not among those listed by Gauthier. The single-bullet scenario is his.

Gauthier is not unwilling to comment on the single-bullet theory, which is what Kelley repeated:"Shot two under those ridiculous facts would have gone completely 'wild' according to (Secret Service Inspector) Kelley."

To me this and the rest of that graf mean that as of the end of January the Secret Service and the FBI were unchanged in pretending that there had not been any "wild" shot to wound Tague; and that they believed the single-bullet theory to be "ridiculous."

Both are, I believe, important in C.A.75-226, now to be briefed on appeal. And completely in support of the affidavits I filed in that case.

I will have copies of this for Jim when he returns. I think he'll be able to use it still. If you know or hear of anything similar, please rush a copy.

This memo indicates there were to be more such studies. That one of 1/17, a memorable enough day in the Commission's life, lasted rather long, 8 1/2 hours.

The memo make positive the beginning limitation to three shots. It reflects no consideration of any other possibility.

It also makes clear that the FBI limited the film examination to a small percentage of the frames. With Z313 = Frame 89 there is no other choice.